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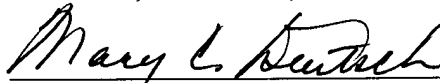
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TRENHAILE ET AL	Examiner: I. BORISSOV
Serial No.: 10/008,276	Group Art Unit: 3629
Filed: NOVEMBER 8, 2001	Docket No. 5605USA
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING INGREDIENT BLENDING	(GMI0024/US)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON Nov. 30, 2005,
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Mary C. Deutsch

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 29, 2005. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on November 29, 2005. Applicants hereby request a One-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, said period of response being extended from November 29, 2005 to December 29, 2005.

Enclosed is a check \$120.00. It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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